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# Have you been to Kartchner Caverns yet?

By Pat Dillingham  
Editorial Assistant

One of the newest and most scenic of Arizona's State Parks is just up the road from Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista. Kartchner Caverns, right in our own backyard, is a wonderful place to visit. And, if you haven't been there yet, you're missing out on something very special.

The caverns were discovered in November 1974 by Randy Tufts and Gary Tenen, two spelunkers traipsing around the hillsides of the Whetstone Mountains. A crack in the bottom of a sinkhole caught their attention, especially after they realized that warm, moist air (which is often an indication of a cave) was flowing out of this hole. After squeezing into the extremely small opening and crawling through the underground darkness for several hours, they entered what is now recognized as one of the most beautiful and unusual caves in the world.

Years of secrecy followed, as the cavers did not want word of their discovery to lead to destruction of the caverns through careless and uncontrolled visitation. Finally, after years of negotiations with the Kartchner family (who owned the property) and the State of Arizona, the existence of the caves was announced in 1988, and their purchase was approved as an Arizona State Park.

Years of development followed to make sure the caves (which are still "alive" and growing) were not harmed by opening them to the public. Misters inside the caves maintain the relatively high humidity levels, and airlocks ensure the dry Arizona desert air does not impact the moister, underground air.

The underground walkways were built so that no cave formations were harmed (in

fact, the paths often take a meandering route, just to avoid formations that were "in the way"), and only non-polluting, electrically powered equipment was used underground during construction. The number of people entering the caverns is monitored and limited.

Several of the formations in Kartchner Caverns place them among the most outstanding caves in the world. Kartchner has a soda straw formation that is 21 feet two inches tall, making it the longest in the U.S. (second longest in the world); the world's most extensive formation of brushite moonmilk; the first reported occurrence of "turnip;" and the first cave occurrence of "birdsnest" needle quartz formations.

Kartchner Caverns opened to the public in November 1999, and the underground



Photos by Pat Dillingham

**Planned with the visitor in mind, Kartchner Caverns offers a variety of things to do and see. Above, visitors to the Discovery Center find mementos and souvenirs to take home.**



**Visitors to Kartchner Caverns are taken from the Discovery Center to the caverns on the motorized trams above. Visitors can also tour the park above ground by walking.**

tours have been consistently sold out since then. Park rangers lead cave tours, lasting about 60 minutes, of the Rotunda and Throne Rooms (site of the 58-foot tall formation called Kubla Khan). Very knowledgeable guides are also available on the grounds and in the Discovery Center (more on that later) to answer any questions.

Cave tours cost \$14 for adults (age 14 and up), \$6 for children age 7 through 13, and are free for children under age 6. Cave tours are wheelchair accessible. Advance reservations are strongly recommended, as the tours are often sold out weeks ahead of time (particularly for weekends and holidays). You can make reservations by calling

(520) 586-CAVE.

Occasionally, there are same-day single tickets available, especially if you have the time and inclination to hang around for a several hour wait.

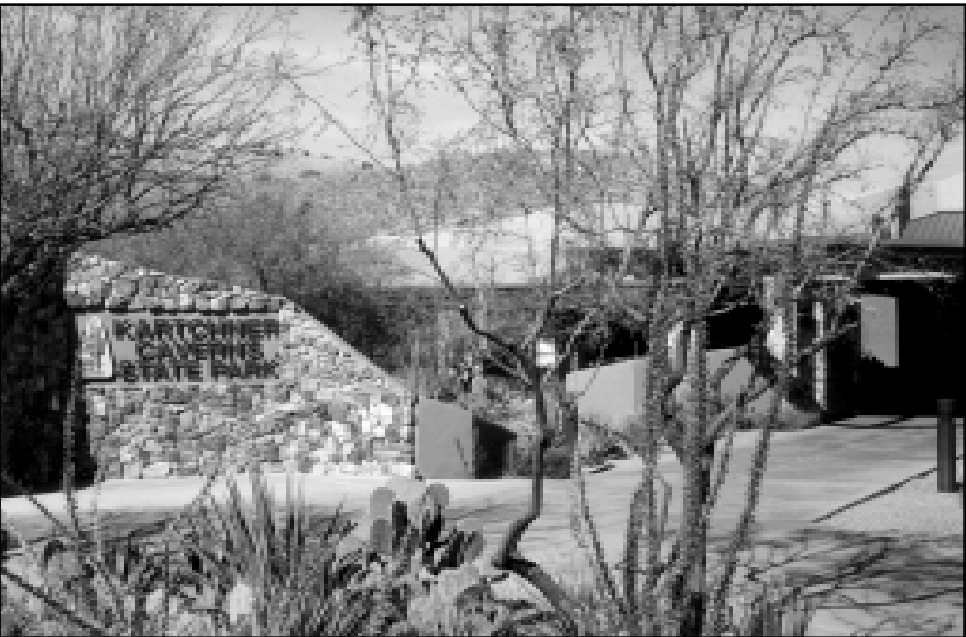
However, don't despair if you can't get reservations for a cave tour - or if you have a couple of hours to wait before your tour. Kartchner Caverns is still a wonderful place to visit - even if you don't go underground. The Discovery Center, a 23,000-square-foot visitor center, houses all kinds of interesting exhibits, an auditorium which shows an informative video on the caverns' discovery, and a gift shop full of great mementos and gifts for family and friends.

The grounds of the park are wonderful, too. Shaded ramadas for outdoor picnics are available, and there is a 63-site campground with electric hook-ups, water and dump station (cost is \$15 per night).

There is trail access to Coronado National Forest, a two-mile moderately rated interpretive nature trail, and an easy "Hummingbird trail" full of fragrant, colorful native plants. The cost to enter the park is \$10 (for four people per car; \$1 for each additional person in the vehicle), and this includes entry to the Discovery Center, park grounds, hiking and picnic areas, and the amphitheater.

To get to Kartchner Caverns, take Highway 90 north from Fort Huachuca approximately 20 miles. The park entrance is on your left. The park is open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (closed Christmas day). Cave tours depart every 15 minutes and run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For park information, call (520) 586-4100.

For some time away from home - and to get a dose of our great southeastern Arizona sunshine and scenery - Kartchner Caverns is the place to be.



**Kartchner Caverns is a jewel set in Southeast Arizona's high desert terrain.**



Over 200 enthusiastic Jingle Bell joggers begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual race Saturday starting at Chaffee Field.



Marissa Bongo, (left) was the faster overall woman competitor. Daniel O'Keefe finished first in his age category.



Having crossed the finish line together, Specialists Carter and Anderson both accept the first place trophy.



Above, the "Ghetto Squids," representing the U.S. Naval Technical Training Center Detachment here, race towards victory with "Santa" holding tightly to the reigns. At left, members of Co. D, 309<sup>th</sup> MI Bn., proudly accept their award having been the first unit team group to cross the finish line with all of their team members.

# Squids slide across Jingle Bell Jog finish line first

By Lt. Nalani Tyrrell  
Special to the Scout

With a sound of the starting signal, the thunder of hundreds of feet began the third annual Jingle Bell Jog on Fort Huachuca. The participants ranged in age from a few months old to well into the golden years.

"I was so excited I woke up at 4:30 this morning so that I wouldn't be late," said Byrle Burke, first-place winner in 60-69 age group.

Registration began at 8 a.m. as scheduled. An energetic 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. David Owen of the 309<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion was the master of ceremonies and coordinator of the Jingle Bell Jog. First, an introduction to the race was given and a prayer was offered. Next, Owen con-

ducted a thorough safety briefing and reviewed the running course.

The race began soon afterward. There were three main events. First, was the non-competitive 2K fun run/walk. Children ages 12 and under received ribbons for the event. Several children from Myer Elementary School's Magellan running club participated in the run. The program members are rewarded with ribbons for every 25 miles they walk or run. "The reason I run is because I like running and I'm trying to get fitness points at my school," said Travis Cox, Myer School fourth grader.

Trophies were awarded in the competitive 5K run. Spc. Timothy Anderson and Paul Carter were the overall winners of the event. In the last leg of the race, the two

put competitive sportsmanship behind them and shook hands as they crossed the finish line together.

"Never in a race have I seen [good will towards others] more aptly displayed than between Specialists Carter and Anderson," Owen said.

Teams were also allowed to compete in the 5K race. Each team was made up of four men and at least one woman. All of the team members were required to cross the finish line at the same time in order to finish the event. This one rule deterred some teams from placing and allowed others to win the event. The overall winning team was Co. D, 309<sup>th</sup> MI Bn.

The final and most highlighted event was the sleigh race. "Not only does it involve

athleticism, the desire, courage, and some small fabrication skills, [it involves] teamwork," 1st Sgt. Owen said.

In the event, a minimum of four "reindeer" are required to pull "Santa" in or on a makeshift sled. The design of the sled is completely up to the race participants. The winners of the event, "The Ghetto Squids," representing the U.S. Navy, displayed sheer ingenuity by mounting an office chair to a wheeled platform.

The Jingle Bell Jog was started three years ago to benefit the Fort Huachuca Giving Tree and the food bank program. This year the event raised 100 boxes of canned goods and toys. "The turnout and donations were overwhelming. We greatly appreciate it," Owen said.

# B-Troop makes first Orange Bowl Parade appearance

By Tanja M. Linton  
Media Relations Officer

Fort Huachuca’s 4th United States Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) will open the nationally televised portion of the Orange Bowl Parade in Miami, Fla. by carrying the nation’s colors Dec. 31. This is their first appearance in the Orange Bowl parade.

The parade will be broadcast at 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

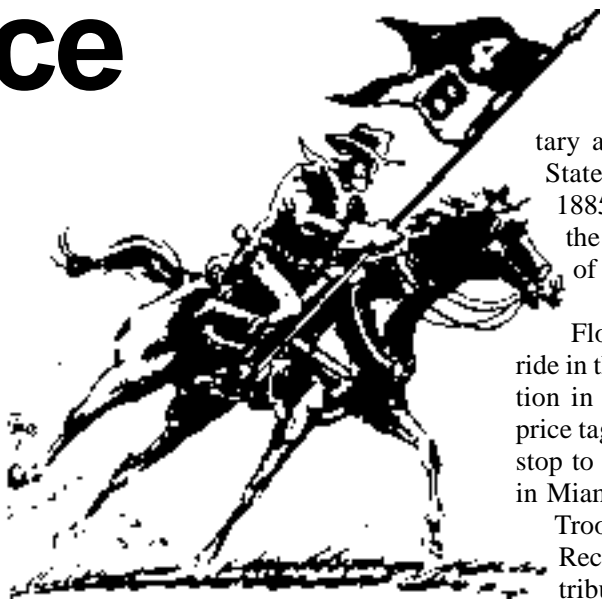
The unit, known as B Troop, will also participate in the Junior Orange Bowl Parade Dec. 29, the Orange Bowl City of Miami Block Pary on Jan. 1, and make appearances at Miami-area schools Jan. 3.

Twelve members of B Troop, two members of the Ladies’ Auxiliary and Spc. Salvador Nassri, a Fort Huachuca veterinary technician, will make the trip to Miami.

B Troop’s 14 horses will begin their trip to Miami Dec. 26 by commercial horse hauler. B Troop members will meet the horses Dec. 28 in Miami.

B Troop is made up entirely of volunteers who participate in more than 54 community events each year in addition to their professional duties. Members of B Troop are active duty service members, retired military, Department of Defense civilians, military family members and reservists.

This all-volunteer unit traces its history back to 1855 when it was designated Company B, 1st Cavalry in the Regular Army, and redesignated the 4th Cavalry in 1861. From its early beginnings at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to being stationed at Fort Huachuca from 1884-1886 during the Indian Wars of the 1880s and on to the days of the Korean War, B Troop has been a colorful, active and well-known cavalry



unit.

Re-formed in mid-1973 to keep alive the heritage and flavor of Fort Huachuca’s cavalry beginning, the troop originally was only a post ceremonial unit. Today, B Troop performs for both civilian and mili-

tary audiences throughout the United States. Its members are mounted on 1885 McClellan saddles and dressed in the Army blue and gold or field garb of the 1880s.

The U.S. Southern Command in Florida originally requested B Troop ride in the parade as the Army’s participation in the Orange Bowl. The \$38,000 price tag for travel expenses quickly put a stop to arrangements. Parade organizers in Miami, however, were still keen on B Troop’s participation. The U.S. Army Recruiting Command was able to contribute to the unit’s expenses in exchange for appearances at local schools. Generous donations from the Sierra Vista community have made up the difference. To date, local businesses, organizations and individuals have contributed nearly \$20,000.

## Commentary

### Survive holidays: make your own memories

By Virginia Sciarrino  
Community Relations Officer

Not home for the holidays this year? (Who wanted to fight the traffic and the family anyway.) Not to worry. You will survive.

Being away from family and familiar traditions can be depressing if you let it. However, armed with a few good ideas and a positive attitude, this holiday season can end up being your most memorable.

Since my family lives in New York and I live close to the edge of the world, I spend many holidays away from those I love. To survive, I became creative in my approach to surviving the holiday blues. I’d like to share a few of my best ideas with you.

One year I bought a couple of bags of candy and gave a few pieces to everyone I encountered. I surprised sales clerks, gas station attendants and even a couple of policemen when they were wished a happy holiday and handed some candy. The confused expressions on their faces, immediately changing to a smile, lifted my spirits each time.

The most memorable person I ever gave candy to was a grouchy, tired, really-in-a-bad-mood salesclerk. He was in down right shock after receiving some candy and

wished a happy holiday. I was told that, after I walked away he broke into a smile. Not a bad return on a couple of pieces of candy.

I’ll bet you’ve seen people on the road wearing Santa Claus hats. For a small investment in the hat size of your choice, you to can collect a bunch of smiles and double takes. Throw in a beard and you’ll have the opportunity to wave to a few kids who really think you are Santa Claus.

For those of you who have room at home to have a gathering. An “orphan party” (one of my favorite not-home-for-the-holidays ideas) is a fun way to spend the day. All you need to do is invite to dinner the “orphans” you know who are also not-home-for-the-holidays. You’ll not only brighten your own holiday, but the holiday of those around you.

An “orphan party” is at its best if you make it a potluck. It’s a great way to get everyone in the spirit. Besides, if you are fortunate like me, your friends will have recipes from their varied ethnic backgrounds. What better way to sample food from around the world.

Another great way to enjoy not-home-for-the-holidays is to volunteer your hands and smiles at the various holiday community dinners, food drives or toy drives. Many organizations heading-up these activities greatly appre-

ciate extra helping-hands at this time of year. So don’t be shy, roll-up your sleeves and get involved. Just tell them you have two hands that you want to keep busy.

Leaving an anonymous gift at the door of someone who could use some cheering up is always fun. Just leave a wrapped gift at their door, ring the doorbell and run and hide behind a bush or something. Pick a good spot where you can see their reaction when they open the door. This activity really warms the heart especially on a cold winter’s night.

If you haven’t gotten the picture by now, I’ll spell it out for you. Sometimes by circumstance, we have to be away from those we love. However, we can end up having memorable and happy holidays if we want to. By making others smile due to our out-of-the-ordinary antics or by helping to serve others less fortunate, we truly receive more than we give. We can even learn a little something about the people around us, something we can’t buy or read about. It’s something we feel.

I hope that you’re fired up to go out this holiday season and have a really great time. As for me, I’ll be out and about with my Santa Claus hat and a bag of candy, since I’ll not-be-home-for-the-holidays either. Happy holidays and God bless.





# In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.

## LakeSide ACTIVITY CENTRE

New Chef at LakeSide Activity Centre

The Directorate of MWR (Morale Welfare and Recreation) is pleased to welcome Jesus (Chewy) Murillo as the new chef at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

Murillo came to Fort Huachuca on Nov. 20.

Chewy is finally back home to Arizona! “After growing up in a large family in the small mining town of Clifton Arizona, I decided to find a profession that would let me see more of the world.”

Beginning my culinary career in Arizona, where I pieced together a solid cooking background which culminated at Seattle’s culinary college.

Working my way up the industry chain from small restaurants to fine dining resorts, I have become a seasoned veteran. Resorts spanning the US from Minnesota, Kansas City, San Francisco , North Carolina have rounded my cooking skills. I am just coming from Seattle Washington, where I was the head sous chef at Mount Rainier National Park. The park receives over a million visitors during its’ summer season. Guests included Vice President Al Gore, numerous celebrities, political officials and sports stars. I have had the chance to achieve one of my professional goals, people’s satisfaction in my work.

Places helping me hone my skills include Burntside Resort, the Tack Room, Wolf Gang Pucks, King Fisher and extended trips to Europe.

Outside of work, I try my best to live an active athletic life style which includes tennis, basketball, cross training and if time permits, I train for triathlons.

I love a challenge, be it work related or an athletic event pushing my body to its limits. My motto, health body and mind together gives me the incentive to strive to be my best.

Murillo has already prepared several Holiday Dinners for VIP’s and others. One of the various cusines that he has been complemented on is Korean food. We are all very excited to wlcome Murillo to Team MWR.



Jesus Murillo (Chewy)

### December Blood Drives

The Murr Blood Drive this month only will be Wednesday, December 20, 2000 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be another blood drive this month at Bliss Community Health Center on Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will not be an Eifler blood drive this month.

The RWBAHC blood drive will be Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information please call 533-5163 for an appointment.

# Buffalo Corral Schedules Second Holiday Caroling Hayride

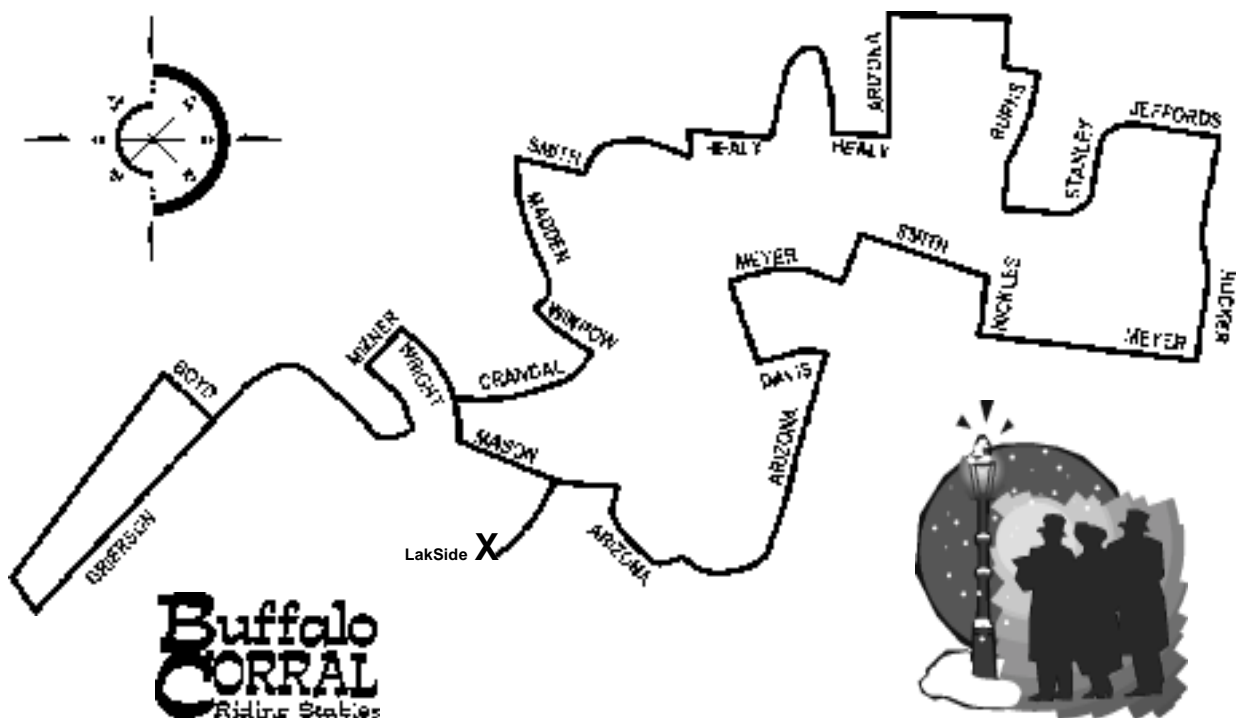
### MWR Release

Buffalo Corral is once again offering the very popular Caroling Hayride. On Dec. 21 the ride will leave the Lakeside Activity Centre at 6 p.m. and travel through the surrounding housing areas. The Hayride will arrive back at the Lakeside around 8 p.m.. The Carolers will be leaving the Lakeside Activity Centre to Lawton to Mason, on to Arizona St. They will then move on to Davis, Meyer, back to Arizona up Smith to Burns, returning to Meyer proceeding on Rucker onto Jeffords, to Burns and back to Arizona. The hayride will continue through the PX parking lot onto Haley to the Main Post Chapel, across Lawton past the Burger King to Smith, onto Madden then to Winrow, Cardinal, Wright and across Mizner, to Grierson, Hazen house, down to Grierson to Henry Circle to W r i g h t , Cardinal, Wright onto Mason, Lawton and back to the L a k e s i d e

Activity Centre. The Buffalo Corral would like to encourage residents who live along the caroler’s route to step outside and enjoy the music. Carolers will be treated to cookies, hot soup, hot chocolate and cider, with some gluehweine for the adults, following their caroling. Santa Claus will make an appearance for the little one’s last minute requests. The cost is \$12.50 per person or \$30.00 per family of 2 adults and 2 children. There will be a charge of \$5.00 to the family rate, for each additional child. Children under six are free. All riders must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement. Reservations and prepayment are required by the close of business Dec. 18. You may guarantee your reservation by credit card over the phone. Carolers are to arrive at the L a k e s i d e Activity Centre at 5:30 p.m. For more information call the Buffalo Corral at 533-



## Buffalo Corral Holiday Trail Ride Route



Buffalo CORRAL  
Riding Staties

## MWR Arts Center 2nd Annual Open House

Morale Welfare and Recreation’s Arts Center will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open House, December 16, 2000, from 12-4pm. A variety of hand crafted items will be on display in the following mediums; painting, photography, jewelry, stained glass, wood carving, pottery, candles, ceramics and textiles. Displayed items can be purchased that day, and 25% of the proceeds will go to support a local art scholarship. To enjoy this cost free event please call 533-2015 or visit the MWR Arts Center, Building 52008 at the corner of Hatfield and Arizona Streets.



# Fort Huachuca Morale, Welfare & Recreation Updates

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on the MWR page in The Fort Huachuca Scout. Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to [germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil](mailto:germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil).





### MWR holiday hours

The following MWR facilities are closed for the Christmas Holiday on Monday, Dec. 25; MWR Rents, CYS Registration Office, Desert Lanes, Child Development Center, Army Community Service. Plans & Resources closed Dec. 25 & 26, Sportsman's Center closed on Dec. 24 & 25, Youth Services closed on Dec. 23, 24 & 25, MWR Box Office closed 23, 24 & 25, LakeSide Activity Centre closed Dec. 23-30, Mt. View Golf Course Dec. 24, 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Dec. 25 closed.

The following MWR facilities will be closed on Jan. 1, 2001 in observance of the New Year Holiday; MWR Box Office, MWR Rents, Plans and Resources Division, Automation, MWR Marketing, Desert Lanes, New Beginnings, Pepperoni's, La Hacienda Jan. 1 and 2, LakeSide Activity Centre closed Jan. 1 and 2, Youth Services closed Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1, Mountain View Golf Course will close at 4 p.m., Dec. 31, Jan. 1 open from noon to 6:30 p.m.



### Christmas Pro Shop Sale

Desert Lanes Bowling Center Pro Shop will have a 10 percent off sale on any item in stock for their Christmas sale, Dec. 15, from 2-10 p.m. For information call 533-2849.

### Kinderland Holiday Hours

Kinderland, the FCC Hourly Group Home, will be open for hourly care from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. so parents may be able to complete their Christmas shopping on Dec. 16 and Dec. 23.

Kinderland has a new phone number, 452-8874, for making reservations.



### New pricing in January

The Buffalo Corral will have new prices starting January 2, 2001. Prices will be as follows:

Mwr Patrons weekday prices \$9 per hour, weedend prices \$10 per hour, trail ride \$12.50 per person, family rate \$40 (for a family of four) each additional dependant \$10, daily rate (7 hours) \$55 per person, hay rides \$65 per hour, birthday parties \$33 per 3 hours, lead arounds \$1.50 per 15 minutes, horse lease \$180 per month, group riding classes \$68 (3 classes two hour sessions), private riding classes \$27 per hour.

Civilians weekday prices \$11 per hour, weedend prices \$12 per hour, trail ride \$18 per person, family rate \$55 (for a family of four) each additional dependant \$11, daily rate (7 hours) \$69 per person, hay rides \$78 per hour, birthday parties \$40 per 3 hours, lead arounds \$2 per 15 minutes, horse lease \$225 per month, group riding classes \$79 (3 classes two hour sessions), private riding classes \$37 per hour.

For more information call the Buffalo Corral at 533-5220.

### Blood Drive date change

The Murr Blood Drive this month only will be Dec. 20, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The other two blood drives this month are at JITC on Wednes-

day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at Bliss Community Health Center on Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will not be an Eifler Blood drive this month.

## Holiday Hours

### Barnes Field House and Eifler Gym

Date/Day	Barnes	Eifler
Dec 21/Thursday	9 a.m.-5:45 p.m.	6-8 p.m.
Dec 22/Friday	9 a.m.-5:45 p.m.	9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Dec 23/Saturday	9 a.m.-5:45 p.m.	9 a.m.- 8 p.m.
Dec 24/Christmas Eve	9 a.m.-13 p.m.	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Dec 25/Christmas Day	Closed	Closed
Dec 26/Tuesday	9 a.m.-5:45 p.m.	6-8 p.m.
Dec 27/Wednesday	9 a.m.-5:45 p.m.	6-8 p.m.
Dec 28/Thursday	9 a.m.-5:45 p.m.	6-8 p.m.
Dec 29/Friday	9 a.m.-5:45 p.m.	6-8 p.m.
Dec 30/Saturday	9 a.m.-5:45 p.m.	9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Dec 31/New Years Eve	9 a.m.- 3 p.m.	9 a.m.- 4.p.m.
Jan 1/New Years Day	Closed	Closed
Jan 2/Tuesday	9 a.m.-5:45 p.m.	6-8 p.m.
Jan 3/Wednesday	Both Gyms Resume Regular Hours	



### Barnes Field House Indoor Pool

Date/Day	Hours of Operation
Dec 22/Friday	11 a.m-1 p.m. (Lap Swim) 1- 5 p.m. (Open Swim)
Dec 23/Saturday	11 a.m-1 p.m. (Lap Swim) 1- 5 p.m. (Open Swim)
Dec 24/Sunday	Closed
Dec. 25/Monday	Closed
Dec 26/Tuesday	11 a.m-1 p.m. (Lap Swim) 1- 5 p.m. (Open Swim)
Dec 27 -30	11 a.m-1 p.m. (Lap Swim) 1- 5 p.m. (Open Swim)
Dec 31/Sunday	Closed
Jan. 1/Monday	Closed
Jan 2/Tuesday	11 a.m-1 p.m. (Lap Swim) 1- 5 p.m. (Open Swim)
Jan 3/Wednesday	Pool Resumes Regular Hours

## Holiday recipes to make at home

### SOUTH AFRICAN VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

This recipe is generously laden with butter. The amount can be modified a bit and still result in a richly flavored, satisfying dish. 4 to 6 servings.

- 9 tablespoons (1 stick plus 1 tablespoon) unsalted butter**
- 1 large onion, chopped**
  - 1 clove garlic, minced**
  - 3 medium zucchini, cut in 1-inch chunks**
  - 3 medium yellow summer squash, cut in 1-inch cubes**

- 2 medium carrots, grated**
  - 1 teaspoon curry powder**
  - 1 teaspoon salt**
  - 1/8 teaspoon yogurt**
  - 2 cup peanut butter**
  - 1 cup crushed dry herbed stuffing.**
- Heat over to 350 degrees. Melt 8 table-  
spoons of the butter in a large skillet. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring often, until soft, about 5 minutes. Add zucchini and yellow squash; cook 2 minutes. Add carrots, curry powder, salt and cayenne pepper; cook 1 more minute. Set aside, off heat. Stir yo-

gurt and peanut butter together until smooth; add to vegetables and mix well. Transfer to a 2-quart casserole and top with stuffing. Cut butter into small bits and sprinkle over all. Bake until hot, about 30 minutes.

### LATKES (POTATO PANCAKES)

- Try these instead of mashed potatoes for a real treat.
- 2 potatoes, peeled**
  - 1 small onion, peeled**
  - 2 eggs**
  - 3 tbsp. Milk**
  - 2 tbsp. Melted butter**

- 1 cup flour**
  - 1 tsp. Salt**
  - black pepper**
  - vegetable oil for frying**
  - sour cream and applesauce**
- Grate potatoes and onions into a medium-sized mixing bowl. In another bowl add eggs, milk and melted butter and blend. Then add flour, salt and pepper and process to mix. Pour over potatoes and onions and stir to mix. Drop by quarter cup-fuls on a prepared griddle or skillet. Spread to make a 4" pancake. Cook until brown on both sides, turning. Serve immediately with sour cream and applesauce.



# Fort wife, mother wins cruise

By 2nd Lt. Monique Carr  
Special to The Scout

“I am....  
Tough in the eyes  
of my children  
Dedicated in the eyes  
of my co-workers  
Fun in the eyes  
of my sisters  
Smart in the eyes  
of my mother  
Beautiful in the eyes  
of my husband  
But in my eyes,  
I am the Perfect  
“Just My Size” woman.”

Melissa Boesen, wife of Master Sgt. Gordon Boesen, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, and mother of three children, was a winner in the eyes of “Just My Size.”

Melissa Boesen was one of 50 women out of 3,800 contestants to win the “Just My Size” Sea Getaway Contest. “Just My Size” is a company that markets apparel designed exclusively to meet the needs of full-figured women.

To enter the contest Boesen had to submit a personal statement about what makes her a dynamic Just My Size woman. According to the company the women were judged based on strength of personal insight and inspirational content.

“I entered the contest for a chance to



Courtesy Photo

**Melissa Boesen, wife of Master Sgt. Gordon Boesen, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, and mother of three children, is one of 50 women to win a “Just My Size” Sea Getaway cruise to the Bahamas.**

win the free cruise,” Boesen said. “I’d much rather enter contests that are based on skill and not just a random picking of names.” She also said that her husband and kids are excited and very proud of her.

Boesen and her guest will be treated to a three-day cruise to the Bahamas, complete with entertainment, fashion shows and beauty makeovers. Boesen and her husband left Dec. 8 for the cruise. She also said that she plans to do some Christmas shopping while on the trip.

# 99 cans of food on the wall, 99 cans of food, if one of the cans...

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

Drill Sergeant Scott Eremus, Co. D, 309th MI Bn. has a “challenging” type personality.

On the day after Thanksgiving, the 28-year-old New Jersey native demonstrated how running 10.25 miles was equal to 1,020 cans of food items, and Eremus was giving thanks because he was no longer concerned about all the extra calories he had eaten the day before.

The drill sergeant wanted to challenge the Initial Entry Training students in Company D to help the needy this holiday season. His idea was to raise 1,000 canned food items that would be donated to the Post Chaplain’s office. For every two cans a student brought in, that student could guess how many laps Eremus would run around Krueger Track, next to the Eifler Physical Fitness Center on the day after Thanksgiving.

Eremus said he had had a very large Thanksgiving Day dinner and had in fact, “stuffed myself.” His challenge to the IET students was for them to guess how many laps he could run before he couldn’t run anymore. If a student brought in four cans



Courtesy photo

**Drill Sergeant Scott Eremus**

then they could take two guesses and so on. In return, Eremus said, if they guessed the right number of laps they would get a day of their choosing off from physical training (PT) and not have to be present at the regularly scheduled accountability formation on Sunday evening.

His challenge was met and after all was said and done, the students donated 1,020 canned goods and Drill Sergeant Eremus ran 10.25 miles. Eremus also said he wanted to contribute to people who aren’t as blessed as us during the holiday season and to demonstrate to the students the importance of helping others.

# Showings

**Today, 7 p.m.,  
Bedazzled - (PG 13) Sex-related humor, language and some drug content - 93 min.**

Brendan Fraser, Elizabeth Hurley - In this remake of the 1967 comedy, the devil promises a hapless nerd seven wishes in exchange for his soul. The software tech adviser agrees, hoping to use his wishes to win over the woman he loves. Unfortunately, his wishes don’t take shape quite the way he images they will. The devil must put her own little twist on each of his fantasies.

**Friday, 7 p.m.,  
Lucky Numbers - (R) Brief violence, language, sexuality and some drug use - 108 min.**

John Travolta, Tim Roth - A TV weatherman plans a scheme to get rich quick - by running a lottery scam. Even with a little help from his girl friend, who picks the winning lotto numbers each week, things don’t go exactly as planned.

**Saturday, 7 p.m.,  
The Contender - (R) Strong sexual content and language - 103 min.**

Joan Allen, Jeff Bridges - When the sitting Vice President dies, Senator Laine is chosen by the President to be the first woman to hold the office. The selection meets with opposition from members of

both parties. Her confirmation hearings set off a firestorm of controversy as shocking secrets from her past are revealed, threatening her personal life as well as her political future.

**Sunday, 7 p.m.,  
Woman On Top - (R) Strong language and sexuality -91 min.**

Penelope Cruz, Murilo Benicio - Isabella has a special gift of melting the palates and hearts of men everywhere. When she decides to break free from her rocky marriage and the kitchen of her husband’s restaurant in Brazil, she flies to San Francisco in pursuit of her dreams of a real culinary career. After arriving into a new life and new city, she discovers not only her passion and potential, she soon learns her path to happiness must be discovered by her alone.

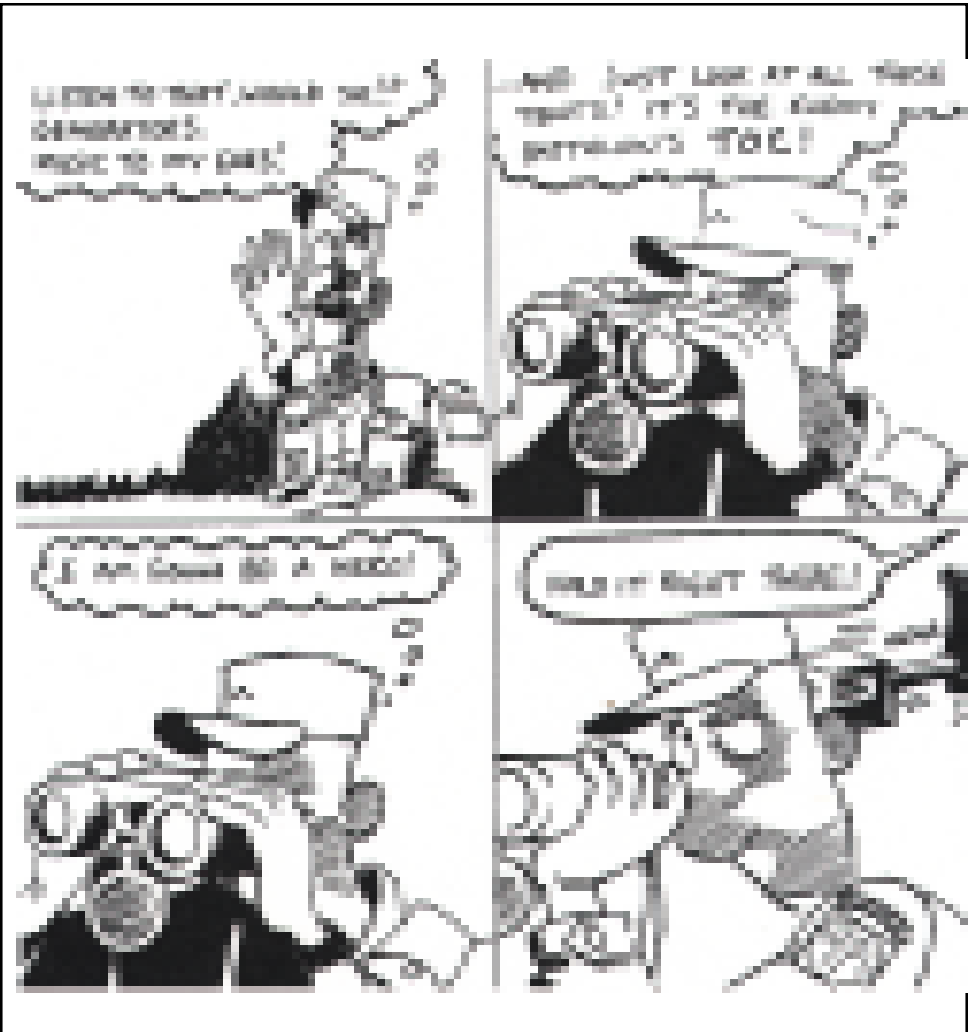
**Monday - Tuesday, Closed**

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# Pvt. Murphy’s law

By Mark Baker



# Fishing Report

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**SOUTHERN WATERS**

**TUCSON URBAN** - The urban lakes were stocked with trout last week. Catfishing at all urban lakes has slowed but is still worth trying. Buy a two-pole stamp and try different baits to double your chances.

**RIGGS FLAT** - The gate is closed for the winter.

**CLUFF RANCH** - Stocked with rainbow trout this week.

**ROPER LAKE** - Stocked with rainbow trout this week.

**DANKWORTH POND** - Stocked with rainbow trout this week.

**KEARNY LAKE** - Stocked with rainbow trout this week. Try Power Bait, corn or cheese.

**ARIVACA** - Surveys show fair numbers of small bass, but almost no fish exceeding 12 inches. *No other fish stockings are planned until the water quality stabilizes. Due to elevated mercury readings in the warm water species, (bass, sunfish and catfish) it is recommended that these fish not be eaten until further notice. Catch and release should be practiced.*

**PENA BLANCA** - Stocked with rainbow trout last week. Try Power Bait, corn or cheese. Fishing is fair to good for bass. *Due to elevated mercury readings in the warm water species (bass, sunfish, crap-*

*pie catfish), it is recommended that these fish not be eaten until further notice. Catch-and-release should be practiced.*

**PATAGONIA** - Stocked with rainbow trout this week. Trout fishing has been good. Try Power Bait or small spinners in the marina or rock shelf area. Fishing is fair for warm water species; bass, sunfish and catfish. Best fishing is early morning, late evening. Good fishing for bass, sunfish, bluegill, crappie, and channel catfish.

**PARKER CANYON** - Stocked with rainbow trout. Fishing is slow for warm water species (bass, catfish and sunfish). The limit is six northern pike. Anglers are encouraged to try to catch this illegally introduced species.



**PICACHO RESERVOIR** - Has experienced a fish kill.

**ROSE CANYON LAKE** - Closed for the winter.